

ABSTRACT

G-IIB-252

MASON-DIXON LINE: MILESTONE NO. ----(207) 1767 (area surveyed), 1902 (monument)  
Strawn (formerly Oakton), Maryland/Pennsylvania  
Public/private

Milestone No. ----(207), in the scattered settlement of Strawn (formerly Oakton), approximately marks a point (presumably) on Mason and Dixon's West Line a little over 186 miles west of the northeast corner of Maryland, the beginning of their 230.228-mile provincial boundary, later known as the Mason-Dixon Line, famous for its historical impact and innovative survey methods. It is a very plain dressed marble post with a low pyramidal top, quarried and carved in Cockeysville, Maryland; is in good condition above ground (but may have been repaired or partially removed below ground), is firmly set (though skewed about 45° counterclockwise), and the visible portion above ground is unaltered. It measures 10 inches square by about 1½ feet high above ground; and is embellished only by the capital letter P on the north side facing Pennsylvania, M on the south side facing Maryland, the year 1767 on the east side (when this part of the Line was originally surveyed and marked), and 1902 on the west side (when this new monument was added to a new site established during the 1900-03 Resurvey of the Maryland-Pennsylvania boundary). Although moved slightly westward at the time of widening US 40 (sometime after 1950 and before 1981), it is believed still on the Line, and if so, is significant on the national and state levels as one of the thematic group series of some 248 markers still visually defining the West Line. Locally, as one of some 42 markers/along the present Garrett/Somerset-Fayette county boundary, it would also then be symbolically significant for its identifiable relationship to the colonial and Civil War heritage of these counties.

## MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST Magi No.

## INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME** BOUNDARY MARKERS ALONG THE MASON-DIXON LINE (THEMATIC GROUP)  
 HISTORIC (Mason and Dixon's) WEST LINE

AND/OR COMMON

MASON-DIXON LINE: MILESTONE NO. --- (1900-03 Resurvey Monument No. 207)

**2 LOCATION**

STREET &amp; NUMBER southwest side of US 40 (National Pike)

CITY, TOWN

Strawn  
(formerly Oakton)

VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

MD: 6 / PA: 12

STATE

Maryland/Pennsylvania

COUNTY

MD: Garrett / PA: Somerset

**3 CLASSIFICATION**

| CATEGORY                                   | OWNERSHIP                                  | STATUS  | N/A | PRESENT USE   |
|--|--|---|-----|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT          | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC | <input type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED                     |     | <input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE <input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)       | <input type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE           | <input type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED                   |     | <input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL <input type="checkbox"/> PARK               |
| <input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE         | <input type="checkbox"/> BOTH              | <input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS             |     | <input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL <input type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE |
| <input type="checkbox"/> SITE              | <b>PUBLIC ACQUISITION</b>                  | <b>ACCESSIBLE</b>                                     |     | <input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT <input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS       |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OBJECT | <input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS        | <input type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED              |     | <input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT <input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC         |
|  | <input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED  | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED |     | <input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL <input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION     |
|  | <b>X not applicable</b>                    | <input type="checkbox"/> NO                           |     | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTHER: state boundary marker                |

**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY** (monument only; see Thematic Group NR nomination form and surrounding property ownership list)

NAME

State of Maryland/Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Telephone #:

STREET &amp; NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION** (see Thematic Group NR nomination form and surrounding property ownership list)

COURTHOUSE

REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Liber #:

Folio #:

STREET &amp; NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

STATE

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS** (also see Thematic Group NR nomination form)

TITLE

Garrett County Historic Sites Inventory

DATE

G-IIB-252 entered 9/4/81

☐ FEDERAL ☒ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

Maryland Historical Trust

CITY, TOWN

Annapolis

STATE

Maryland 21401

**7 DESCRIPTION**

| CONDITION                                |                                       | CHECK ONE                                       | CHECK ONE  |
|--|---------------------------------------|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT       | <input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED ? | <input type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE           |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GOOD | <input type="checkbox"/> RUINS        | <input type="checkbox"/> ALTERED                | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> MOVED DATE ? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> FAIR            | <input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED    |   | between 1950 and 1981                            |

## DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Milestone No. --- (207) in the midst of the small settlement of Strawn, West Line a little over 186 miles west of the northeast corner of Maryland, the beginning of their 230.228-mile West Line. It is a very plain dressed marble post with a low pyramidal top, quarried and carved in Cockeysville, MD; is in good condition (above ground), seems firmly set; measures 10 inches square by about 1½ feet high above ground; and is embellished only by the capital letter P on the north side facing Pennsylvania, M on the south side facing Maryland, the year 1767 on the east side (when this part of the Line was originally surveyed and marked), and 1902 (when this new monument was added to a new site established during the 1900-03 Resurvey of the Maryland-Pennsylvania boundary).

The area here is the middle of the sparse settlement of Strawn (formerly Oakton) strung along the National Pike (US 40) now four lanes and with heavy, fast traffic. The site as shown on the 1900-03 Resurvey engineer's map was apparently in the southwest edge of the road and was moved further southwest when the road was widened. It is within Election District 5 of Garrett County, MD, and Addiston Township of Somerset County, PA; at a point in the mowed side yard of the Mosers about 5 feet southwest of the edge of the road shoulder, at grade level, marked by a metal post and surveyor's tape. It can be easily seen from the Pike all seasons.

The monument, identical to 65 other monuments of 1902 set west of Side g Hill to visually reestablish the Maryland-Pennsylvania boundary, is of a white fine-grained marble called saccharoidal dolomite or magnesian limestone; was originally cut about 10 inches square by about 4½ feet long, intended for setting about 1½ feet high above ground, with the remaining 3 feet for setting into the ground, thus eliminating the need for a concrete foundation. The letters and numbers are blocky, V-sunk without serifs, and are horizontally aligned as a band around the stone near the top. These, and the top planes and apex are clear and intact; although there are large chip out of the top northeast and southwest corners, small chips along all vertical edges, and the below-ground portion may be partially gone, for according to the 1950 field inspection notes (Bayliff, 1959, p. 115): the "Monument (was) badly damaged, broken off and can be easily moved." The extent of this damage, kind of repair and relocation site vs. 1902 site have not yet been traced, and will have to await Phase II of this project, as will an explanation of why the monument is skewed counterclockwise about 45°.

It should also be noted that there is a US Geological Survey bench mark set about 2 feet south-southeast of the monument at grade level: TTR12GDF (1945).

(see Thematic Group National Register nomination form for descriptions of the monuments set during the 1900-03 Resurvey of the Maryland-Pennsylvania boundary, and their methods for setting them)

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

| PERIOD  |   | AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW           |   |   |  |
|---|---|--|---|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC          | <input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC | <input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING                | <input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE         | <input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION                   |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499            | <input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC    | <input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION                      | <input type="checkbox"/> LAW                            | <input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE                    |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599            | <input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE            | <input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS                         | <input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE                     | <input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE                  |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699            | <input type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE           | <input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION                         | <input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY                       | <input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN        |  |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799 | <input type="checkbox"/> ART                    | <input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING                       | <input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC                          | <input type="checkbox"/> THEATER                    |  |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899 | <input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE               | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT | <input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY                     | <input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION             |  |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-     | <input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS         | <input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY                          | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY) |  |
|   |   | <input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION                         |   | boundary surveying                                  |  |

SPECIFIC DATES 1767 (area surveyed) ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~ Charles Mason and Jeremiah Dixon  
 1902 (monument) SURVEYORS

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

IF STILL ACCURATELY ON THE LINE:  
 Milestone No. ---(207) is significant on the national and state levels primarily as one of the thematic group series of some 248 markers still visually defining Mason and Dixon's West Line, the 230.228-mile provincial boundary later known as the Mason-Dixon Line, famous for its historical impact and innovative survey methods. This part of the Line was surveyed and marked in 1767, and a new site on the Line established and monumented in 1902 with a new Cockeysville marble post during the 1900-03 Resurvey of the Maryland-Pennsylvania boundary. Locally, as one of some 42 markers along the present Garrett/Somerset-Fayette county boundary, No. ---(207) is also significant symbolically for its identifiable relationship to the colonial and Civil War heritage of these counties.

HISTORY AND SUPPORT (see Thematic Group National Register nomination form)

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**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

(see Thematic Group National Register nomination form)

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**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY less than one acreQuadrangle name: Accident (Maryland-Pennsylvania), USGS 7.5 minute series  
(topographic), 1948 photorev. 1974, scale 1:24000NOTE: monument location not shown on quadrangle; see 1900-03  
Resurvey engineer's map, Plate LXIX, and USGS bench markUTM reference (approx.): zone 17, easting 64572, northing 439803VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION N/A

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE Maryland COUNTY GarrettSTATE Pennsylvania COUNTY Somerset**11 FORM PREPARED BY**

NAME / TITLE

Alice Martin (volunteer, Mason and Dixon's West Line boundary marker surveyor)

ORGANIZATION

Maryland Historical Trust/Maryland Geological Survey

DATE

7/25/81 (site surveyed)

STREET &amp; NUMBER

14308 Mount Avenue

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(301) 472-2128

CITY OR TOWN

Phoenix

STATE

Maryland 21131

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# MASON & DIXON WEST LINE BOUNDARY MARKERS: MILESTONE IV.

G-IB-252

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MARYLAND PENNSYLVANIA  
USGS 7.5 MINUTE SERIES (TOPOGRAPHIC)

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DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES  
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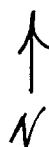
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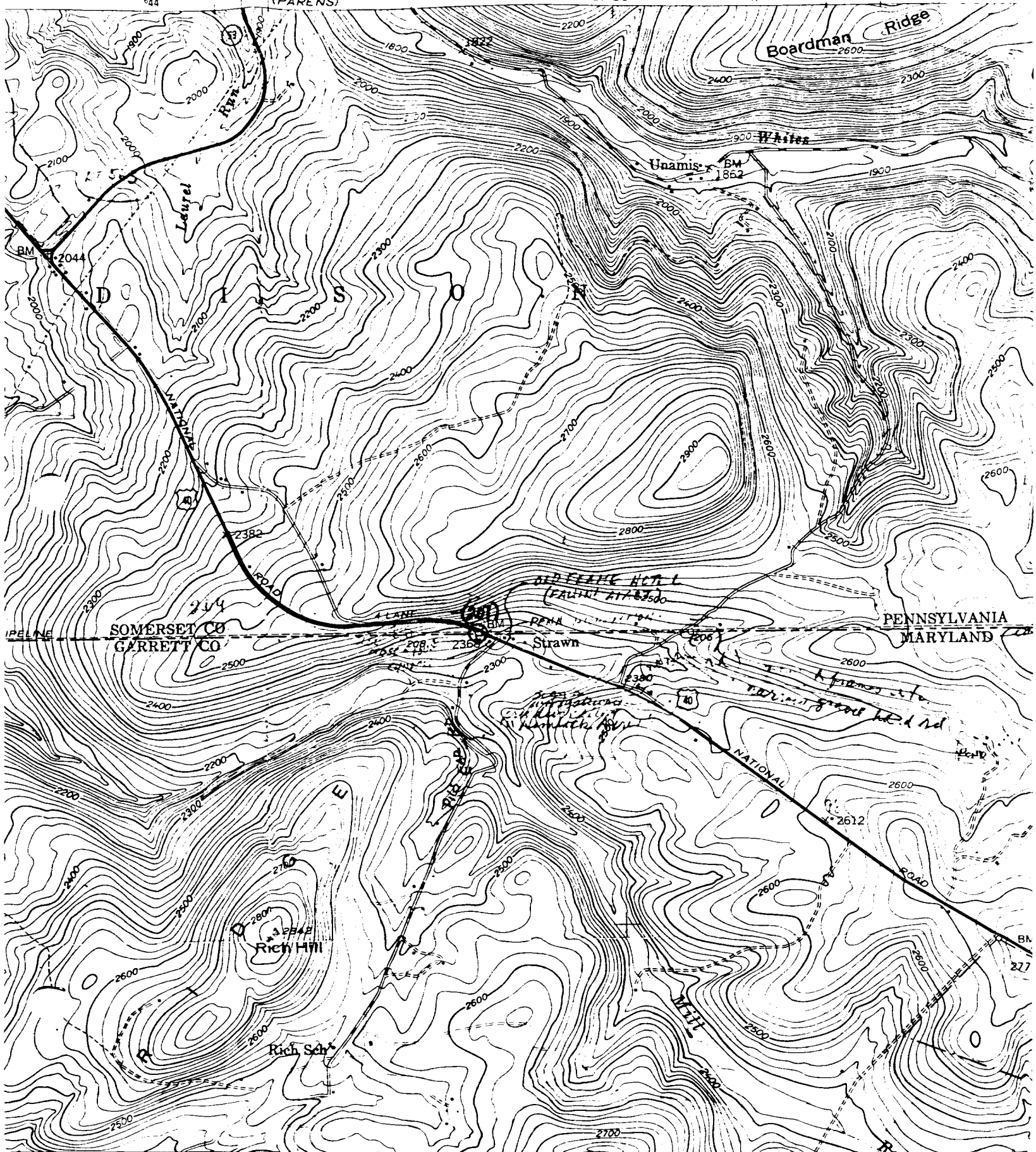
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